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Good morning and welcome.

I am delighted to see so many families could be here today. These awards, which will soon be presented, are for extraordinary achievement on a very complex project - a project which could not have been completed successfully had it not been for teamwork: scientists with managers; those of us in the government with our counterparts in American industry.

But another kind of teamwork was vital to the success of this project and that was family teamwork. We all recognize that the long hours put in, the arduous mental gymnastics which occupy those hours, and the time spent away from families, could not be done if those families were not understanding and supportive. In a real sense, you too have made a significant contribution. I have no

medals or awards for the families here today, but I want you to know that I think you deserve them.

This morning we want to honor individuals in the Directorate of Science and Technology who have had key responsibility in the engineering, development and operational deployment of a very complex and sophisticated foreign intelligence collection system. Some time ago, all employees assigned to the program were honored with an Agency Meritorious Unit Citation. A very few engineers involved in the conceptual phase of the program were individually honored at another occasion. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] we recognize those professionals whose contributions were particularly important to the system's development and successful transition to the operational phase.

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Work on this unique technical collection concept was started [REDACTED] American industrial firms,

STAT responding to hundreds of contract actions per year under the direction of a CIA program office, were involved. The number of different engineering, scientific, professional, technical and administrative skills participating in this achievement was exceptionally large, and the total person years numbered in the many thousands. The documentation required literally [] pages. The computer programs developed were as large as any that have ever been developed for any purpose. This effort is without parallel in the history of technical intelligence collection systems.

STAT Yet, the system was completed and delivered [] on time, within budget, and to specification. Considering its magnitude and complexity and the fact that it was developed during a period of very high inflation, this is truly a remarkable achievement. The system was deployed

To our guests who were without spouse or parent during the

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I can assure you they were busy and
for a good cause.

The men and women who are being recognized today have
made critically important contributions to this country's
national security. Their contribution is in keeping with
the noblest traditions of the Central Intelligence
Agency. I am proud of them and I know you are too.

A word of caution before I close. While my remarks
have in the strictest sense been unclassified, I ask you
to treat them, this ceremony, and the individuals associated
with it as private in your contacts with others outside
this room.